

**TABLE 11-17. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WAITING FOR ADOPTION, BY RACE/ETHNICITY, AS OF THE LAST DAY OF THE FISCAL YEAR, FY2004-FY2011**

Hispanics may be of any race but, as shown here, are counted only in the "Hispanic (or Latino)" category

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	2,554	2,162	2,229	2,176	2,028	1,910	1,804	1,855
Asian	644	639	734	684	591	537	488	439
Black (or African American)	46,798	44,257	43,203	40,909	38,055	33,982	31,130	29,164
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	371	325	314	301	256	209	190	190
Hispanic (or Latino)	22,553	23,817	27,771	27,989	26,687	25,336	24,400	22,928
White	48,585	50,364	51,612	51,386	48,384	43,798	42,991	41,656
Unable to Determine	3,636	3,378	3,334	3,124	2,507	1,740	1,393	1,440
Two or More	5,172	5,703	6,116	7,083	7,204	6,904	7,035	6,513
Missing race/ethnicity data	41	23	39	30	30	34	43	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,354</b>	<b>130,668</b>	<b>135,352</b>	<b>133,682</b>	<b>125,742</b>	<b>114,450</b>	<b>109,474</b>	<b>104,235</b>

**Source:** Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service November 4, 2012 for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book. Based on data provided by HHS, ACF,ACYF, Children's Bureau and as reported by the 50 states, DC and Puerto Rico (as of August 2012).

**Note:** In general, HHS identifies a child as "waiting to be adopted" if the child has a case plan goal of adoption and/or the rights of his/her parents have been terminated. However, it excludes from the count any child who is 16 years of age or older and whose parents' parental rights have been terminated if that child has a case plan goal of "emancipation."